

# Community Profile

Sussex County, Virginia

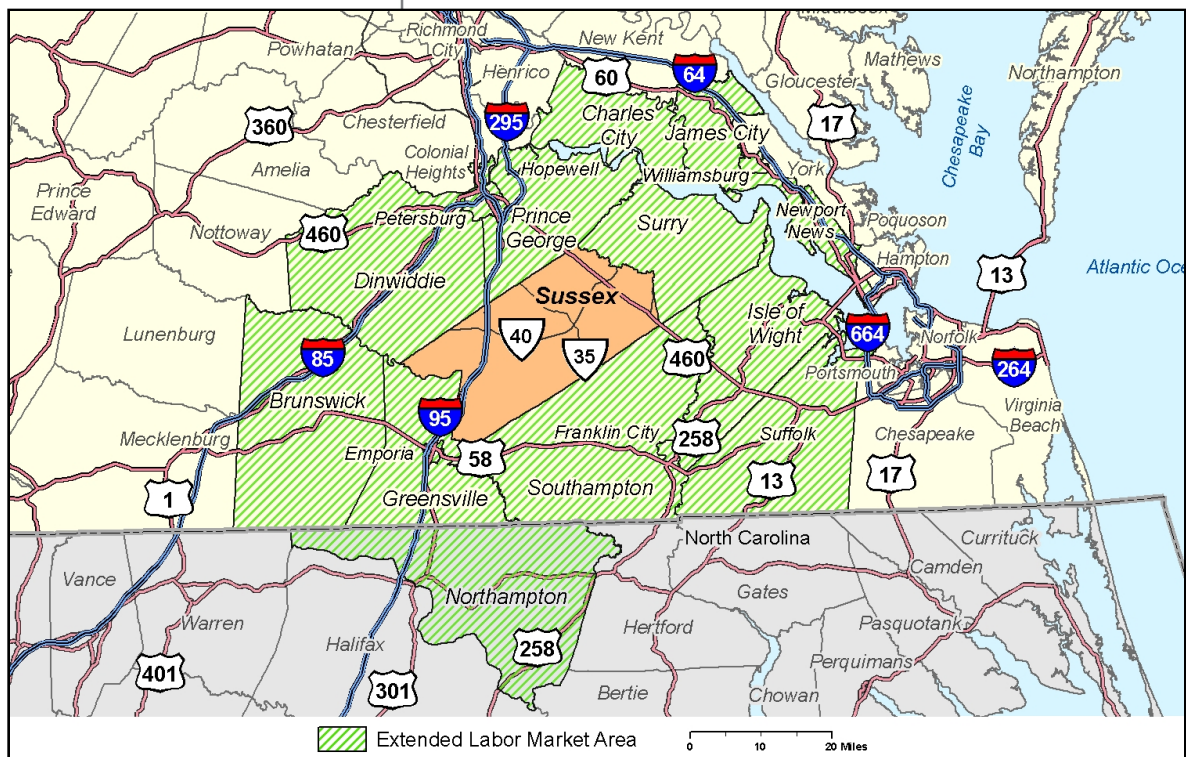
## Location

Sussex County is located in the south central region of Virginia. The county is 45 miles southeast of the capital city Richmond.

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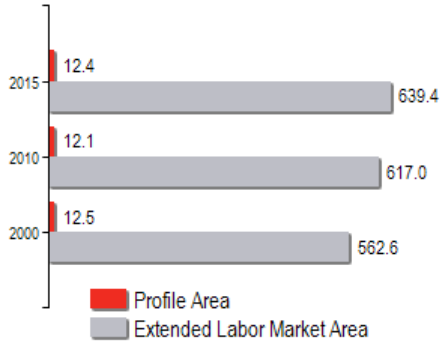
Sussex County is 45 miles south of Richmond and 150 miles south of Washington, D.C.

Sussex County is part of the Richmond Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). The Port of Hampton Roads is 50 miles east.

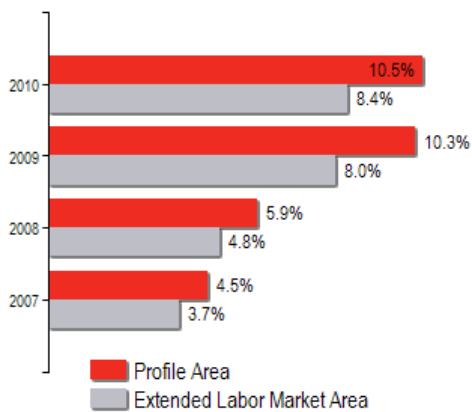


## Labor Market Data

### Population in Thousands



### Unemployment Rates



### Population

Gender Distribution (2010)	Male	Female
Sussex County	58.6%	41.4%

### Race/Ethnicity (2010)

Classification	Profile Area	Labor Area
Black	7,023	238,029
White	4,747	337,588
Other	154	10,031
Two or More	92	16,928
Asian	48	10,917
American Indian or Alaska Native	23	2,837
Pacific Islander		638
Hispanic (may be of any race)	268	4,824
Median Age (2010)	41 years	

### Civilian Labor Force 2010

Sussex County	4,504
Surrounding Labor Area	299,577
Total	304,081

### Labor Force Participation 2000 Census

Sussex County	43.7%
Surrounding Labor Area	62.3%

### Unemployment

Unemployment Rate (August 2011)	
Sussex County	9.2%
Labor Area	8.2%
Statewide	6.5%
Unemployed (2010)	
Sussex County	473
Labor Area	25,151
Total	25,624
Underemployed (2nd Quarter 2011)	
Sussex County	462
Labor Area	29,019
Total	29,481

## Labor Market Data

Sussex's labor force is responsible, dedicated and able to adapt to changing technologies.

Commuting Patterns -- 2000 Census		
Live and work in Sussex County:	1,853	32.0%
Total In-Commuters:	1,611	27.8%
Total Out-Commuters:	2,328	40.2%
Net Out-Commuters:	717	
In-Commuters From:		
Surry Co. VA	238	14.8%
Prince George Co. VA	233	14.5%
Petersburg City VA	141	8.8%
Southampton Co. VA	127	7.9%
Chesterfield Co. VA	109	6.8%
Out-Commuters To:		
Petersburg City VA	409	17.6%
Greensville Co. VA	341	14.6%
Prince George Co. VA	265	11.4%
Chesterfield Co. VA	215	9.2%
Richmond City VA	159	6.8%

Commute Time -- 2000 Census		
Worked from home	78	1.9%
Under 15 minutes	1,221	29.8%
15-29 minutes	1,068	26.0%
30-59 minutes	1,371	33.4%
Over 60 minutes	443	10.8%

Additional Labor Resources	
High School Graduates Not Continuing (2009-2010)	32
Two-Year College Graduates (Spring 2010)	747
Two-Year College Enrollees (Fall 2010)	8,721
Other College and University Graduates (Spring 2010)	782
Total	10,282

## Labor Market Data

The local economy is based on agriculture and agricultural based manufacturing.

### Career Readiness Certificate (CRC)

Regional CRC Recipients (01/01/2010-10/19/2010)	613
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Virginia's CRC assists employers by certifying that a recipient possesses core skills in applied math, reading for information, and locating information. The CRC certification is based on established Workeys ® assessment tests. Virginia uses a three-tiered approach (bronze, silver, gold) to credentialing certificate holders that is based on the recipients level of development skills. (Numbers are regional, based on workforce investment area.)

### Educational Attainment

On-Time Graduation Rate (Class of 2010)	68.7%
Percentage of Sussex County population age 25+ who are high school graduates	57.6%
Percentage of Sussex County population age 25+ who have earned a Bachelor's Degree or higher	10.0%

## Labor Market Data

Fifty percent of U.S. consumers and manufacturing establishments are within 750 miles of the Richmond MSA.

### Employment by Sector\* (4th Qtr. 2010)

Natural Resources and Mining	101	2.9%
Construction	74	2.1%
Trade	573	16.3%
Transportation and Utilities	143	4.1%
Manufacturing	60	1.7%
Information	N.D.	N.D.
Financial	N.D.	N.D.
Services	1,172	33.3%
Government	1,342	38.2%
Other	0	0
Total	3,515	98.6%

N.D. - Not Disclosed

\*By Business Establishment

### Employment by Occupation\* (4th Qtr. 2010)

Construction, Extraction & Maintenance	166	7.2%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	20	0.9%
Managerial, Professional & Related	580	25.2%
Production, Transportation & Material Moving	308	13.4%
Sales & Office	655	28.4%
Service	576	25.0%
Total	2,305	100%

\*By Business Establishment

## Labor Market Data

Virginia is one of 21 states with a right-to-work law.

### Major Employers

#### Manufacturing

<i>Company</i>	<i>Product/Service</i>	<i>Estimated Employment</i>
McGill	Landscaping and soil amendment products	20 - 49

#### NonManufacturing

<i>Company</i>	<i>Product/Service</i>	<i>Estimated Employment</i>
Murphy Brown	Pork products	100 - 299
Virginia Department of Corrections	Correctional institution	600 - 999
Virginia Diner	Peanut products	100 - 299

### Union Activity (1/2006 - 4/2011)

Petitions filed for decertification	0
Petitions filed for representation	0
Petitions filed for raid	0
Elections won by union	0
Elections won by company	0

## Labor Market Data

Estimated Earnings (May 2010)				
Occupation	Median Wage	Mean Wage	Median Salary	Mean Salary
Office Clerks, General	\$12.20	\$13.07	\$25,378.31	\$27,166.44
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers	\$11.72	\$12.71	\$24,379.60	\$26,433.92
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	\$13.76	\$13.51	\$28,624.16	\$28,099.62
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$13.57	\$14.16	\$28,217.08	\$29,448.45
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	\$13.80	\$14.76	\$28,706.83	\$30,698.43
Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education	\$22.06	\$22.57	\$45,879.43	\$46,953.40
Teacher Assistants	\$9.40	\$9.98	\$19,545.41	\$20,763.39
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$18.61	\$19.06	\$38,701.39	\$39,629.33
General and Operations Managers	\$46.23	\$48.28	\$96,151.43	\$100,426.20
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	\$16.17	\$16.00	\$33,643.35	\$33,289.79
Business Operations Specialists, All Other*	\$29.44	\$29.44	\$61,220.74	\$61,227.83
First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers	\$21.36	\$21.71	\$44,427.03	\$45,157.52
Chemical Plant and System Operators	\$27.28	\$25.76	\$56,738.77	\$53,563.33
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	\$27.01	\$28.86	\$56,171.15	\$60,015.21
Receptionists and Information Clerks	\$11.71	\$11.65	\$24,376.55	\$24,243.45
Hotel, Motel, and Resort Desk Clerks	\$9.15	\$9.54	\$19,043.64	\$19,849.31
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	\$14.55	\$15.27	\$30,260.58	\$31,765.36
Middle School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education	\$21.95	\$22.44	\$45,656.33	\$46,679.59
Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education	\$21.37	\$21.85	\$44,441.39	\$45,441.33
Logisticians	\$35.28	\$34.43	\$73,378.51	\$71,617.41

## Per Capita Personal Income (2009)

\$28,592

## Median Family Income (FY 2010)

\$73,902



## Education

Virginia State University was the first fully state supported, four-year institution of higher learning for blacks in America.

Public School Enrollment (Fall 2010)		
Level	Number	Enrollment
Elementary	2	346
Middle	1	371
High School	1	484

Student Teacher Ratio (2009-10)	
Elementary	10:1
Secondary	12:1

Per Pupil Expenditure (FY 2010)
\$15,221.00

On-Time Graduation Rate (Class of 2010)
68.7%

High School Graduates Continuing Education (2009-2010)
63.2%

### Advanced Programs (2008-2009)

#### Governor's Schools

Appomattox Regional Governor's School for the Arts & Technology

Governor's School Enrollment	9
Students taking 1 or more Advanced Placement (AP) Courses	21
Students taking 1 or more AP Exams	6
Students taking 1 or more college courses	16

## Education

Richard Bland College, a two-year institution, provides programs designed to prepare students to transfer to a four-year college.

### Workforce Development Facilities

<i>Facility</i>	<i>Type</i>
Emporia Workforce Center	VEC Workforce Center
Fort Lee Workforce Center	VEC Workforce Center
Reemploy Virginia - Tri Cities	Reemployment Center
Rowanty Technical Center	Career and Technical Center
Tri-Cities Workforce Center	VEC Workforce Center
Virginia Workforce Center - Petersburg	Satellite Center

### Higher Education Facilities — Fall 2010

<i>Facility</i>	<i>Enrollment</i>
John Tyler Community College - Chester Campus	6,150
Virginia State University	5,634
Richard Bland College	1,587
Paul D. Camp Community College - Franklin Campus	984
Southside Virginia Community College - Southside Virginia Education Center Campus	†

† Enrollment figures are not available.

## Transportation

Large available industrial sites are available with excellent highway and rail infrastructure.

Interstates	
Name	Distance
I-95	0.0 miles (0.0 km.)
I-85	7.6 miles (12.2 km.)
I-295	8.4 miles (13.5 km.)
I-64	22.4 miles (36.0 km.)
I-664	29.3 miles (47.1 km.)
I-264	32.6 miles (52.4 km.)
I-195	35.6 miles (57.3 km.)
I-564	35.7 miles (57.5 km.)

Note: Measured from border of locality/region.

Highways				
Highway 139	Highway 301	Highway 31	Highway 35	Highway 40
Highway 460				

Note: 4-Lane US Highways located within locality/region.

Commercial Air Service		
<i>Richmond International Airport, Sandston -- 51.6 miles (83.1 km.)</i>		
Air Canada	AirTran Airways	American Airlines
Continental Airlines	Delta Air Lines	United Airlines
US Airways	JetBlue Airways	

Note: Within a 75-mile drive of the center of the locality/region.

## Transportation

U.S. 460 provides direct access to the Ports of Virginia located less than 60 miles east of the region.

### General Aviation Service

<i>Name</i>	<i>Runway Length</i>
Wakefield Municipal Airport, Wakefield	4,337 ft (1,322 m)

### Freight Rail Service

CSX Transportation

Norfolk Southern Railway Company

### Seaports

<i>Name</i>	<i>Distance</i>
Port of Richmond	47.0 miles (75.6 km)
APM Terminal - Portsmouth	68.0 miles (109.4 km)
Port of Virginia (Norfolk International Terminals)	80.0 miles (128.7 km)
Port of Virginia (Portsmouth Marine Terminal)	81.0 miles (130.4 km)
Port of Virginia (Newport News Marine Terminals)	84.0 miles (135.2 km)

Note: Driving distance from the center of the locality/region to Port of Virginia and any other seaports within 100 miles.

### Other Ports of Entry

<i>Name</i>	<i>Distance</i>
Richmond-Petersburg	51.6 miles (83.1 km)
Newport News	76.8 miles (123.6 km)
Norfolk	78.1 miles (125.7 km)
Port of Washington - Dulles	167.1 miles (268.9 km)

Note: Driving distance from the center of the locality/region to Port of Washington - Dulles and any other port of entry within 100 miles.

## Utilities

Dominion Virginia Power, one of the nation's largest power producers, provides electricity to the county.

Utilities	
Electric	Dominion Virginia Power
Electric	Prince George Electric Cooperative
Electric	Southside Electric Cooperative
Electric	Mecklenburg Electric Cooperative
Natural Gas	Columbia Gas of Virginia
Telecommunications	Verizon South
Telecommunications	Verizon-Virginia
Water	Greensville County Water & Sewer Authority
Water	Town of Stony Creek
Water	Sussex Service Authority
Waste Water Treatment	Town of Stony Creek
Waste Water Treatment	Town of Wakefield
Waste Water Treatment	Sussex Service Authority
Solid Waste Disposal	Atlantic Waste Disposal Landfill
Solid Waste Disposal	Sussex County Sanitary Landfill

## Financial Institutions

The region has several local, regional and national banking institutions that service the area.

### Financial Institutions — 4th Qtr 2010 Assets

<i>Bank</i>	<i>Assets (millions)</i>
Branch Banking and Trust Company	\$150,828.5
EVB	\$1,119.2
The Bank of Southside Virginia	\$503.6

### Sussex County

State, regional and local parks offer fishing, hunting, hiking, biking, ball fields, playgrounds and water sports.

#### Government

Sussex County has a County Administrator and a six-member Board of Supervisors.

The county has a comprehensive plan and zoning and subdivision ordinances.

Sussex is the county seat. Wakefield, Waverly, Jarratt, and Stony Creek are the incorporated towns within the county.

#### Taxes

Localities in Virginia collect a 1% sales tax. They do not tax other items taxed at the State level.

Counties and cities in Virginia are separate taxing entities. Therefore, a company pays taxes to either a county or to a city.

If a company is located in a town, it pays town and county taxes except for utility taxes which are paid only to the town and the license tax which is paid only to the town unless town law permits the additional collection of a county tax.

Manufacturers pay real estate, machinery and tools, truck and automobile, utility, and sales taxes.

Nonmanufacturers pay real estate, tangible personal property, truck and automobile, utility, and sales taxes. They also may pay either a merchants' capital or a license tax.

*Manufacturer's Tax Profile (Sussex) [pdf](#)*

*Non-Manufacturer's Tax Profile (Sussex) [pdf](#)*

### Sussex County

Sussex County is served by the Mid-Atlantic Broadband Cooperative which will provide a cost-effective, carrier-class, high bandwidth telecom infrastructure to its resident businesses and industry.

### Community Facilities

Sussex County residents utilize medical services available at several area hospitals. Southside Regional Medical Center, a 468-bed acute care facility located in Petersburg offers extensive medical services that include 24-hour emergency care, intensive and coronary care, diagnostic services, and a school of nursing. In Suffolk, the 243-bed Louise Obici Memorial Hospital provides a full range of services that include emergency care, surgery and outpatient care. Greensville Memorial Hospital in Emporia has 127 beds and offers emergency care and numerous in and outpatient services.

Waverly Health Care Center provides intermediate and long-term care for 120 patients. Stony Creek Community Health Center provides health care with two physicians and a total staff of eight. The Sussex County Health Department also offers a range of public health services.

Two rescue squads serve the County.

There are three physicians and three dentists who maintain practices in Sussex County.

Sussex County is a member of the Walter C. Rawls Regional Library. This library system circulates 120,754 volumes and provides a bookmobile service in the county. A branch of the library, located in the town of Waverly, houses a collection of 10,000 volumes. The Troxler Memorial Library is located in the town of Wakefield and houses a collection of 10,000 volumes. The library systems at area colleges and universities are also available to the public. These systems include libraries at The College of William and Mary with 1,598,035 volumes, Virginia State University with 768,818 volumes, and John Tyler Community College with 75,472 volumes.



### Sussex County

This central location enables residents to easily access the numerous recreational, historic, cultural and entertainment attractions throughout Virginia.

#### Community Facilities (continued)

Sixty-three churches representing the predominant Protestant denominations and the Roman Catholic faith are located in Sussex County. Jewish synagogues can be found in Suffolk and Petersburg.

The immediate retail and service needs of county residents are met at over 180 businesses located throughout the county. These establishments represent a broad retail mix that includes grocery, hardware, specialty and professional service businesses. The downtown areas of Wakefield and Waverly serve as commercial centers for the county. A wide assortment of antique, clothing, gift and restaurant establishments can be found in these active central business districts. The county's close proximity to Williamsburg and the Norfolk and Richmond metropolitan areas enables residents to benefit from the numerous regional malls and shopping centers that are available in those areas.

### Sussex County

The Miles B. Carpenter Museum in Waverly is the oldest peanut museum.

#### Lifestyle

The many fields, swamps and woodlands of the area offer numerous recreational opportunities for county residents. Rivers and ponds have been stocked with largemouth bass, crappie and bream. Boating and swimming are also enjoyed on the waterways of the county. Deer hunting is a popular activity. Several hunt clubs have been established in the community to support this endeavor. The Southeast 4-H Educational Center on Airfield Lake has an indoor recreational complex and offers swimming, boating and horseback riding facilities. Other public recreational facilities include four tennis courts and 19 athletic fields.

Cultural attractions in the county include the Miles C. Carpenter Folk Art Museum located in Waverly and the Wakefield Foundation Center For The Arts. The Arts Center offers a wide array of activities and attractions including art displays and courses, dance classes and concerts. The Arts Center also opens their facilities to civic group functions.

Sussex County is centrally located between Williamsburg, the Richmond-Petersburg metropolitan area and the Norfolk-Virginia Beach-Newport News metropolitan area. This central location enables county residents to easily access the numerous recreational, historical, cultural, educational and entertainment attractions these diverse areas have to offer. Area attractions include the historical sites and museums in Colonial Williamsburg; Busch Gardens - a theme park near Williamsburg; the Chrysler Museum in Norfolk; Seashore State Park in Virginia Beach; and numerous championship golf courses located throughout the region.

#### Virginia's Gateway Region